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SUBJECT: Friday Update

All,

A pretty good week with lots going on:

- Focus this week was the roll out of the new payroll system for the City. Lots of nuances and some growing pains, but the good news is that for the most part, implementation was successful minus a couple bugs still to be worked out in the system. Kudos to Shari Harris and Cristina Schaefer along with the many key supervisors and personnel who got us through this first pay cycle in the new system.
- A key focus is on consolidating and updating key systems. Some of these involve how we do contracts and purchasing, let requests for proposals for both construction and service projects, and a centralization of record keeping. Things are moving along which will result in improved efficiency, records and processing.
- Key Staff held a meeting on the "mapping of human resources and financial management" implementation and it was a really good meeting. We will be proceeding on getting "on the same page" both internally and with our employees to best implement policies and provide information and services to our employees. Overall, a good meeting with progress made.
- With the end of the "Stay at Home Order" by the Governor, City Hall staff will be returning to regular work at City Hall and reducing remote work assignments.
- The City is still receiving proposals for "on-call" contracts for building, planning and engineering services. The link for the request for proposals is here: www.auburn.ca.gov/bids.aspx

Today, I participated in an update on Covid in Placer County. Here are my notes from the meeting:

Covid Notes:

Dr Oldham

- Hospitalization going down
- 100 in Placer
- ICU Capacity is up
- Case Positivity is still high (10%)
- Metrics have us in deep purple.
- Don't expect to move into the red tier any time soon.
- Controversy is in the schools with going in many directions regarding what to do.
- Vaccination still slow but going out as fast as they can do it.
- Vaccine supply is the issue.
- Clinic operating at the Grounds
- Appointments can still be made along with text alerts for people who sign up. Text PLACERVACCINE to the number 898211
- 1,000 per day at Grounds
- Safeway and Rite Aids have begun as are hospitals
- Estimate getting to 7,500 per week based on allocation but we could do 20,000 if we had the supply.
- Currently getting about 5,000 doses a week.
- MORE vaccine is needed and the core issue
- Controversy on WHO gets the vaccine and prioritization of who is getting in what phase.
- Switch to 65 and older caught them off guard.
- Expect vaccine shortages for a while!
- Appointments are being juggled based on new demands and the shortage.
- Safeway will be doing 75 and older.

- Some concerns on getting the “second” dosages so people can get them on time.
- Positive reaction from the services at The Grounds.

Placer Shares:

- 8 applications
- Notification of awards are today from Sierra Business Council
- \$1.8 million available but \$2.1 in requests
- Most uses are for rent relief.

Finally, last week I talked a bit about law enforcement and the greatest stress of being a City Manager are those who put their lives in harms way. That was realized this week in Sacramento County with the murder of Deputy Adam Gibson and his K-9 “Riley” who were killed in the line of duty at Cal Expo.

Deputy Gibson served in the United States Marine Corps with two service tours of Afghanistan, he was decorated for bravery with the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department as well as service recognitions. The man was a hero and now a patriot in serving our country and community. No matter how you look at things, the loss of someone of this stature is just a painful reminder of what our law enforcement personnel risk every shift. Adam Gibson left a wife, a nine month old child and his family and friends.

Light a candle, say a prayer. We can never forget people like Deputy Adam Gibson and those who protect us.

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